



Yakama Nation Tribal Transit Newsletter



“Pahto Public Passage” is the new name for the Transit Bus. Look for this logo on the Bus. After long deliberation of the name the committee finalize the name for the Bus. We all agreed with the name, and the committee still had not resolved the picture of “Pahto”. We finally came up with an picture for the mountain; we just went out and took a picture of the mountain; to get the prefect look that we all know as the “Pahto”.

We would like to thank Enigma (Wendy Olson and all of her crew) for all the help and patients that they had with us in deciding on a logo for the Bus.

When the committee finalize the Logo, we pre-

sented this information to the Tribal Council on August 7,2008. We were approved of the Logo and the new bus route that began on September 4, 2008.



Yakama Nation Tribal Transit—New Logo

2007/01/01

New Route— Starts September 2, 2008

Beginning in September the Tribal Transit will have an new route that connect all the community’s together. The route will have Flag Stops and will be Curb to Curb.

The route will include the following stops

- Toppenish,
- Forest Products
- Brownstown
- Harrah
- Ashue Grange
- Wolf Point
- Central Valley Bank
- Market Place
- Apas Goudy
- Wapato Community Center
- Farm Worker Clinic
- NCAC

We will hold public meeting to inform the public of the New route.





Naami Tiinmamii Shapawashat Way x̄tit **Chi wata tiimat aykwna shapa washat pama ikush:**

pama pa kut kut lama au pawanikin ku pa watimana chi washat pamana. Ay Yaka-manmi pak'u lama pawī yawawt tuskas ki alx̄ayxt ku niiptmi lk'wi pa. Aw iwata

Pahto Tl'awx̄ mi wawashat (Pahto Public Passage). Ax̄way iwa chaw tun iyusht. Ay miimi aniyana chima: Federal Transit Administration x̄ax̄aywk.

Tiinmi Wa'shat kutkut lama iwut't kta wanikt ku patwatimi. Chaw iwata Fort Road Route. Tl'awx̄ shina pashapniya tiinmaman. Ay Tiinma At'k'ex̄ na ay ti-



mat anum ak' in wi sha. Iwinata ishch it pine Wapato, ku Harrah, Ku Brownstown Kan. Niiptpa putimtmi alx̄ayx̄ iwayxtita chimti ti-manii ay mun washat pama.

Payshnumn anatan ashapni yat'asha kut kut lama kun am ayu yuta chi itimat: 865-2112. Wala nam winumta kutkutpa ma kan. Ichi chna tosh wa: 212 West 1st Avenue pa. Itchi matash wa

James M. Thomas— Rides Bike to Catch the Bus

James M. Thomas rides the transit because he can ride his bicycle to and from the bus stop. He has two vehicles, one is broke down and the other his wife takes to her job in Yakima.

Mr. Thomas is an environmental scientist who works in water quality for the Yakama Tribal reservation. In 1975 James received his AA in Fisheries at the Peninsula College in Port Angeles. James also has an AA in Civil Engineering, and BA in Environmental Science from Yakima Valley Community College.



Michelle Sconawah—Mobility Coordinator

Michelle Sconawah began working for the Yakama Nation Tribal Transit Program on January 12, 2009 as the Mobility Coordinator. She has years of experience with the Yakama Nation; with the majority as support staff in Economic Development and Enrollment. She is excited about being a part of Pahto Public Passage and looks forward to helping keep it a success.



Riders only Transportation

Pahto Public Passage

Christi Fiander only source of transportation has be the Pahto Public Passage. Christi takes her children to the Day Care and goes to work at the Yakama Nation Tribal School. Christi received an AA Degree from Columbia Basin College in Pasco, Washington and she is currently working towards her BA in Native American Cultural Studies at the Heritage University, Her goal is go obtain and Masters Degree in Teaching.



Alice Jim moved from Warm Springs to Adams View Park. She has started working at Safeway in Toppenish.



Rider missed Bus to Visit Children

Temisa Billy missed her ride to White Swan to have visitation with her Children. Temisa was in tears telling the Tribal Transit Staff that if she waited for the next bus she would miss her visit with her children. We could not let that happen so the Tribal Transit Staff drove her to White Swan. Temisa Billy travels on the Tribal Transit Bus every Two weeks to her Fathers home for her visits her Five (5) children, who has custody of her Children. Without the Tribal Transit Bus, Temisa would not be able to travel to her Fathers

home for her visits. Temisa also travels on the Tribal Transit Bus to Search for jobs (Work Source), AA Meetings, Church, and Wapato CSO, Parenting Classes. Temisa Future plans are to complete her GED, an continue her Education to receive a degree as a Lawyer. Temisa is completing all required programs for the Department of Social Service to obtain custody of her children. Temisa is very thankful for the Tribal Transit Bus to operate, without his Transportation Service she would not be able to complete her daily appointment.



James' Family

Michael James and his family has been riding the Pahto Public Passage since it began its route on the Fort Road. Michael's daughter can ride the bus if she misses the School bus and his son Josh is able to his job search and other business issues that may

Ride Pahto Public Passage

arise. Michael and his wife ride the bus into Toppenish NCAC and take the Community Connector to Yakima to keep Doctor's appointments and other business that they have. Michael is a graduate of Goldendale High School. Michael can hardly wait to

get back to the river and go fishing. Michael's son Josh graduated from Wapato High School. The family all agree the Pahto Public Passage has a great service and glad that the drivers are very friendly and look out for their clients.





Primary Business Address
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Need a Ride?



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The Yakama Nation Tribal Transit Program would like to Thank Matt Ike, Program Manager for the Yakama Nation Geographic Information Systems Department (GIS) for the assistance in developing the maps we requested.

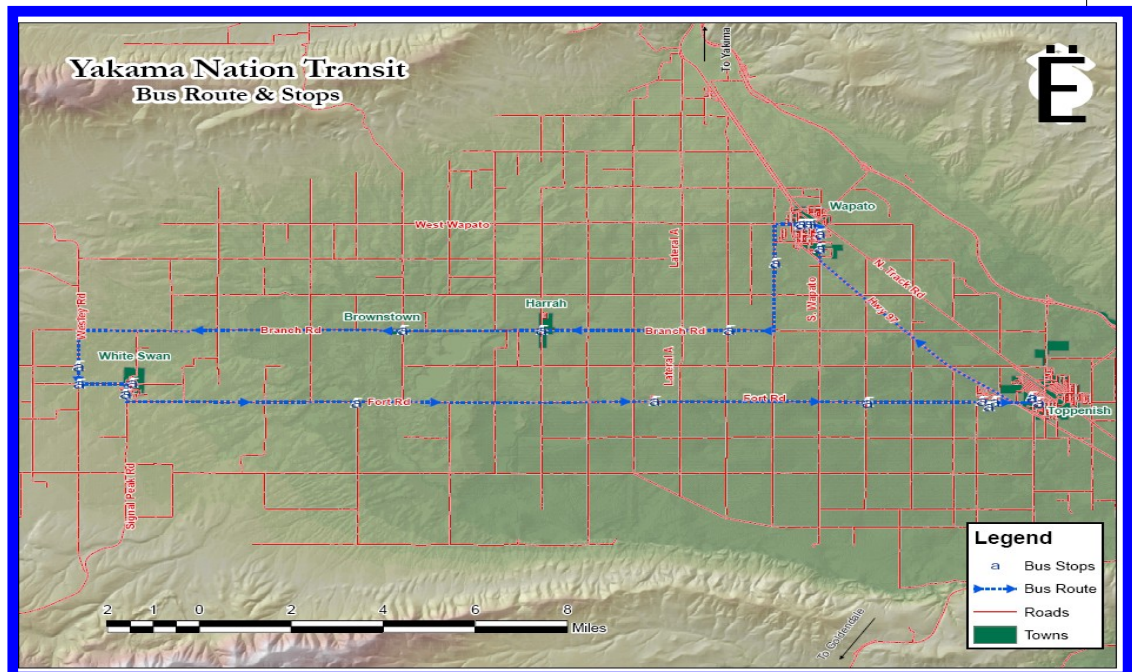
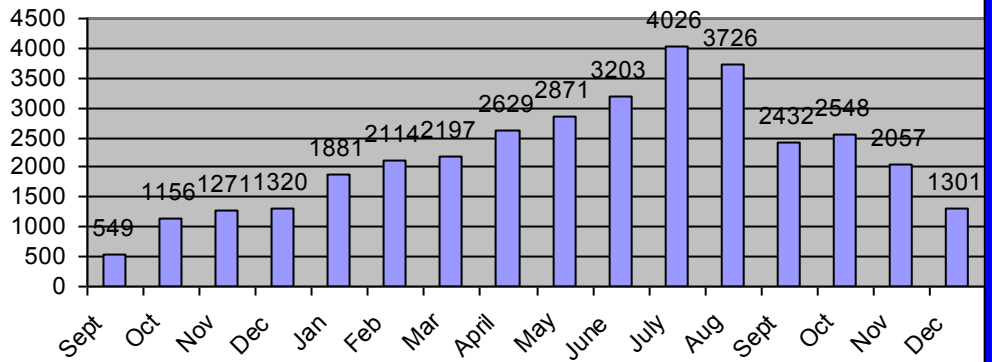
Matt has been employed with the YN GIS department since September of 2002. ArcGIS is the program that is used to design the maps. The length of training that is involved to become proficient with ArcGIS can take months of on-the-job training, as well as instructor led courses. Matt's most enjoyable project—There are many projects going on at any given time. His most enjoyable projects are the ones that take months or even years to finish, They give you the most satisfaction when you can look back and really see the results of all the hard work that was put into the project.

This map is the route of the New Route that the Pahto Public Passage will be traveling; beginning September 2, 2008.

“Honoring Our Past Taking Responsibility for Our Future”

The goal of the Yakama Tribal Transit for the Yakama Reservation is to prepare a long-term transportation and transit plan that can be implemented, as well as compliment the community wide transportation plans that currently exist. Thus far, there has been a tremendous amount of community involvement in the central valley communities of Wapato, Toppenish, Zillah, White Swan and other areas of the lower valley with many hours of dedication on the part of the Yakama Nation, People for People, Tribal Program, and Community Social Service Agencies. This process and our community networking have provided the incentive for the Yakama Nation as well as afforded us the opportunity to apply for the current Department of Transportation Tribal Transit Program.

Pahto Public Passage - Ridership



“NEW ROUTE EXPANDS INTO WAPATO”